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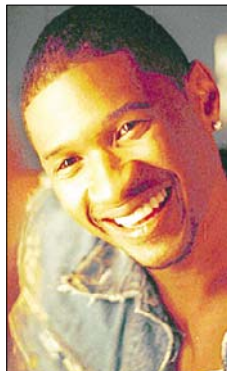


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**ROADBLOCK:** Seth Riker, right, hugs partner, Greg Farnkoff, outside the Statehouse, where lawmakers approved a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage but creating civil unions.

## Ban on Gay Marriage OK'd

**Mass. amendment would offer civil union alternative**

**BOSTON** | The Massachusetts Legislature gave final approval — for this year — to a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage but legalize civil unions, taking the first decisive step toward stripping same-sex couples of court-mandated marriage rights.

Within moments of Monday's 105-92 vote, Gov. Mitt Romney said he would ask the state's highest court to delay implementation of its November ruling that ordered same-sex marriages to begin taking place

as of May 17. He said he will seek a formal stay until the constitutional amendment process is complete.

The vote, which must be affirmed again during the next two-year session and by voters in the fall of 2006, completes the Legislature's action on gay marriage for the year.

Without a stay from the court, Monday's decision will not affect the May 17 deadline for allowing same-sex marriages.

The amendment's approval brought a roar from activists on both sides of the debate, who packed the Statehouse to watch the proceedings. Neither side was happy with the outcome. **JENNIFER PETER (AP)**

## Grocery Contract On Table

**Giant, Safeway stores close as proposal goes up for vote**

**BALTIMORE** | Negotiators have agreed on a proposed contract for about 26,000 employees of Giant Food and Safeway stores in the Baltimore-Washington area, union and company sources said Monday.

That will put the contract up for a vote by employees, who were scheduled to begin voting about 7 a.m. Tuesday on whether to ratify it. Local Safeway and Giant stores will close between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. for the voting.

Negotiators agreed on the proposal around 6:30 p.m. Sunday, according to a union representative who spoke on condition of anonymity. The representative declined to release details of the contract.

A telephone hot-line recording for Safeway employees confirmed the companies had made an offer to the union.

"After weeks of negotiations, the companies have given the union our settlement offer," the message said. Management and union officials negotiated for weeks on wages, pensions and health benefits. The current contract for employees at both chains expires Tuesday.

Employees could reject the contract and decide to strike, triggering a walkout at 350 area grocery stores. If there is a strike, Giant and Safeway have said they will continue to operate on a normal schedule, relying on a combination of managers and more than 3,000 temporary workers. **BRIAN WITTE (AP)**



**BY THE NUMBERS:** Many U.S. children get 1 to 2 hours less sleep than recommended, the National Sleep Foundation said Monday. First- through fifth-graders average 9.5 hours; they should get 11 to 12. **(AP)**

**ANIMAL WATCH | Getting His Goats** Officials in Vermont are investigating a man whose goats and his religious convictions against killing them have collided in a possibly inhumane and definitely stinky way. There were three goats on the farm Chris Weathers-



bee's mother bought in Corinth seven years ago. Now there are 300 — including 70 living in his house. Weathersbee, 63, admits he can't afford to care for the herd, but said his Buddhist views prohibit him from slaughtering any of them. **(AP) EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# EyeOpeners



LAUREN BURKE/AP

## CURRENCY

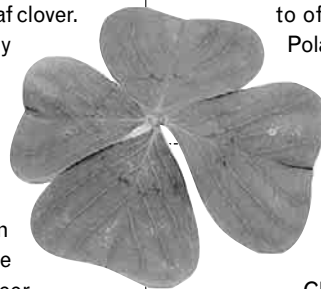
## Money Laundering

Andrew Wilson throws his own special load of laundry into the wash: eight white, cotton, terry towels, 2 1/3 ounces of powdered laundry detergent—and 25 crisp U.S. greenbacks. Wilson is a chemist at a U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing lab that checks how dollar bills survive the torture of everyday life—whether spun in a washing machine, dumped in a crumpled mass into an overstuffed handbag or just repeatedly folded. Most bills pass muster, officials say, but if not, the Bureau may scrap a run of greenbacks if they aren't durable enough. (AP)

## COLLECTIONS

## Man Looks Over Four-Leaf Clovers

Four-leaf clovers are no big deal to Ed Zumbuhl of Seattle. Good luck to him would be finding a 12-leaf clover. The retired dairy-supply salesman has collected about 2,300 clover plants. He doesn't bother counting the four-leaf ones, but he's got 185 six-leafers and even an 11-leaf clover. He tells the Seattle Post-Intelligencer that the hobby found him when he was 11. He says walking through a field, he found so many four-leaf clovers he could have filled a quart jar. (AP)



## HEARSAY | HOUSING

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## CRIME

## 1,000 Dirty Words

Police in Villa Rica, Ga., have charged Kenneth James Stokes with leaving more than a business card. According to officers, Stokes took Polaroid pictures of himself from the waist down, then left the

nude snapshots under the windshield wipers of women's cars. Police say Stokes wanted to see their reactions when they saw the photos. But according to officers, a security camera in a Wal-Mart parking lot captured Stokes leaving his nude pictures on at least two cars. He's been charged with distributing obscene material. (AP)

## PIRACY

## Communism On the Cheap

China's rampant copy-right piracy has hit home for the ruling communists after police caught two people with 14,000 unauthorized copies of party handbooks. The two books contain new rules on party relations with the Chinese public and are

mandatory reading for the party's 68 million members, the official Xinhua News Agency said. A bookstore owner and a printer in the western city of Xi'an were caught and admitted to printing copies because the books "have become best-sellers and are profitable," Xinhua said. It didn't say what penalties the store owner and his printer might face. (AP)

## UNDER THE SEA

## Glow-In-the-Dark Shark

He may be a little shy in this picture taken Monday, but an extremely rare fluorescent yellow Port Jackson shark has been getting a lot of attention in Australia. The two-year-old bottom-dwelling shark, named Mango by his caretakers, was the first of his kind seen by staff at the Sydney Aquarium. The shark was discovered when it became caught in a fishing net near Sydney. It's a lucky break for



Mango, who would stand a slim chance for survival in the wild since his color would keep him from camouflaging himself on the ocean floor. (EXPRESS)

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## In Brief

## WASHINGTON

**Justices Hear Arguments Against Lethal Injection**

The Supreme Court took a stark look Monday at how convicted killers are put to death, hearing an appeal from a man who claims his damaged veins make it likely his lethal injection could be botched. Because of the condition of his veins — damaged by drug use — Alabama death row inmate David Larry Nelson was told it may be impossible to insert an intravenous line without cutting deep into flesh and muscle. (AP)

## NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

**\$10M Fine in Oil Spill Case**

The owners of a barge that leaked tens of thousands of gallons of oil along the Massachusetts coast will plead guilty to two criminal charges and pay a \$10 million fine under a plea agreement announced Monday. Bouchard Transportation Co. of Hicksville, N.Y., reached the agreement last week in the criminal investigation of the April 2003 spill in Buzzards Bay. (AP)

## WASHINGTON

**FEC Wants to Cut Off Cash For Sharpton Campaign**

Al Sharpton's cash-strapped presidential campaign may soon lose the government money it started getting earlier this month. The Federal Election Commission voted Monday to suspend public financing for the New York Democrat. The FEC found that Sharpton exceeded the \$50,000 limit on contributions by candidates to their own campaigns. Sharpton has 20 days to respond. (AP)

## CHILD'S PLAY | SING INTO SPRING



**BUBBLEGUM POP:** The young entertained the not-so-young on Monday, as preschool students in Port Edwards, Wis., serenaded residents at Edgewater Haven Nursing Home during a concert celebrating spring. Students, from left, Kade Lancour, Kayleigh Carlson, Bailey Voss and Joshua Savage react to their own rendition of "The Bubblegum Song."

ROBERT ROGERS/WISCONSIN RAPIDS DAILY TRIBUNE/AP

# Lawsuits Challenge Abortion Measure

## Plaintiffs argue law banning 'partial birth' procedure is illegal

**NEW YORK** | A new federal law banning certain types of abortions is unconstitutional and threatens most late-term abortions, a lawyer for plaintiffs said at the start of one of three trials on the law getting under way Monday.

But the government, in its opening statement, said it would show that a fetus "can and will feel pain as a result of this procedure."

The law, signed in November by President Bush, is too vague and should be tossed out, plaintiffs' lawyer A. Stephen Hut Jr. said.

Abortion-rights supporters are challenging the first substantial limitation on abortion since the Supreme Court's landmark 1973 *Roe v. Wade*

decision affirming a woman's right to end a pregnancy.

The law has not been enforced because judges in New York, Lincoln, Nebraska, and San Francisco agreed to hear evidence in three separate trials without juries before deciding whether it violates the Constitution.

Judges in the three cities will hear from the National Abortion Federation, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and several doctors that the law was written too vaguely. The simultaneous litigation centers on the ban of what lawmakers defined as "partial-birth" abortion and what doctors call "intact dilation and extraction" — or D&X.

In the procedure, a fetus is partially delivered and its skull is punctured. An estimated 2,200 to 5,000 such abortions are performed annually in the United States, out of 1.3 million total abortions. LARRY NEUMEISTER (AP)

## HEARSAY | STONING

"The evidence will show you that the last thing Josh and Luke Laney ever saw was their mom with a rock over their heads."

—DISTRICT ATTORNEY MATT BINGHAM SPEAKING TO A JURY IN TYLER, TEXAS, DURING THE TRIAL OF DEANNA LANEY, A WOMAN ACCUSED OF STONING TWO OF HER SONS TO DEATH. LANEY HAS PLEADED INNOCENT BY REASON OF INSANITY TO MURDER CHARGES.

# U.S. Officials Say Saddam's Not Talking

**WASHINGTON** | He doesn't have a lawyer in the room, but Saddam Hussein apparently is practicing what most attorneys would advise: Don't talk. Diplomatic and military officials say the former Iraqi leader has provided little useful information in interrogations so far — and may even be having fun.

The questioning of Saddam — initially handled by the CIA — is now a joint CIA-FBI operation, a

sign that the aim is changing from finding intelligence to gathering evidence for any eventual trials. The people who are asking the questions at the moment are from the FBI, said a U.S. intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

In a recent interview, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said he occasionally sees the interrogation briefing reports. "He's a pretty wily guy, and he's not giving

much information that I've seen," Armitage told WPHT radio in Philadelphia.

On Sunday, Jacques Verges, a French lawyer who claims to be representing Saddam at his family's request, said he expects that a trial is still some time away. Verges has not met with Saddam and is trying to act as his lawyer from afar, a U.S. intelligence official said.

KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRADER (AP)

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# Education Law Eased Again

Move allows schools more flexibility in how students are tested

WASHINGTON | For the fourth time in as many months, the Bush administration is easing the restrictions of its education law, this time in the area of testing.

The latest move — reducing the number of students a school may test without running afoul of the law — probably will cap a flurry of responses to concerns from states and schools.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires schools to test

at least 95 percent of students in math and reading. Schools also must have 95 percent participation from all major subgroups of students, such as minority or disabled youngsters.

The point is to make sure that schools are accountable for every student's progress, and to ensure that no schools have incentive to exclude lower-performing students on test days.

Under the new policy, schools will get some leeway. As long as they average a 95 percent participation rate among students over two or three years, schools will meet the law.

A school that tested 94 percent of students one year, for example, could make the mark if it tested 96 percent of students the year before. The same is true for subgroups of students.

Schools also won't have to count students who are enrolled but miss testing, including makeup exams, because of a medical emergency.

Schools that get federal poverty aid but don't make progress goals at least two straight years face mounting sanctions, from having to offer transfers to risking state takeover.

The changes will apply to the current school testing season.

BEN FELLER (AP)

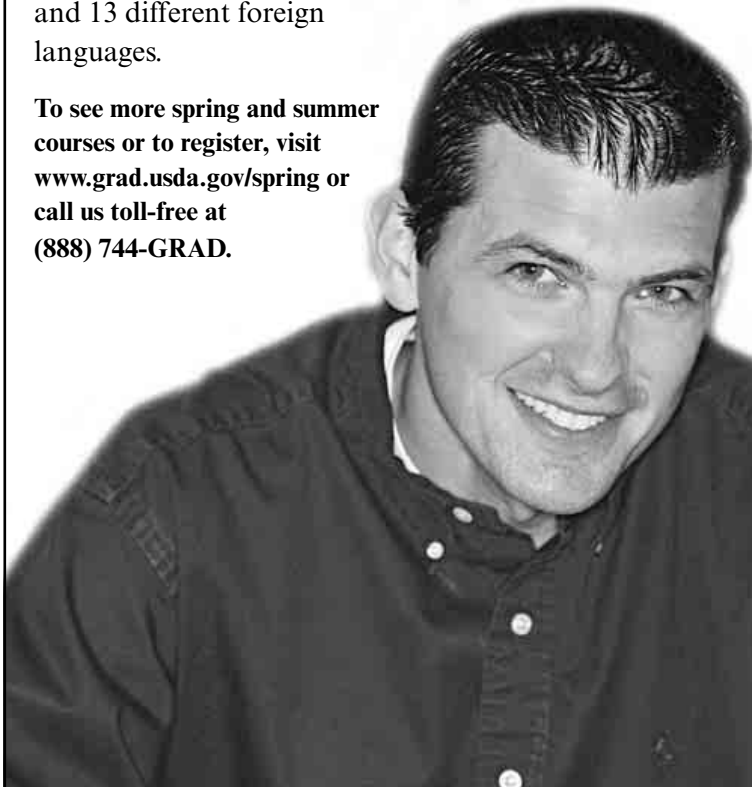
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## TANKER ACCIDENT | CUTTING CREW



**PRIMING TO PUMP:** Dale Wardon, with Rogers Towing of Bunnell, Fla., cuts into the side of an overturned tanker truck on Monday in an effort to pump out its contents and prevent fuel spillage. The accident occurred along the southbound exit ramp of Interstate 95 near Palm Coast, Fla.

## Cheney, Kerry Spar Over Taxes

Vice president claims Democrat will roll back Bush's tax cuts

WASHINGTON | Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday called presidential candidate John Kerry "one of the most reliable pro-tax votes in the Senate" and asserted the Democrat would sweep away tax cuts if elected. Cheney claimed that Kerry had voted for higher taxes some 350 times in his Senate career and was likely to seek huge tax increases to help pay for nearly \$1 trillion in his spending proposals.

The Kerry campaign called Cheney's allegations misleading and said that Kerry had fought throughout his career for middle-class tax relief. "Like Bush, Cheney has no credibility to lecture anyone on the economy," the campaign said in a statement issued Monday.

Cheney's attack was an attempt by President Bush's re-election campaign to shore up Bush's standing on his handling of the economy. Kerry has tried to outflank Bush on tax cuts, promising to lower corporate tax rates and saying that he and the president agree on the need to extend some personal income tax cuts due to expire this year. TOM RAUM (AP)

## Officials Want Anthrax Suit Dismissed

WASHINGTON | Government lawyers on Monday contended that Attorney General John Ashcroft named Dr. Steven J. Hatfill a "person of interest" in the 2001 anthrax attacks to dampen speculation that the bioterrorism expert was a suspect.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Bucholtz said "it's clear the attorney general was trying to downplay" federal investigators' suspicions that Hatfill sent anthrax-laced envelopes to government and

media offices in October 2001.

In his defamation lawsuit, Hatfill claims the officials named him to deflect attention from their inability to find whoever was responsible for the attacks, which killed five people and sickened 17 others. He still is the only publicly named "person of interest" in the case.

U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton on Monday agreed to a government request to delay most trial preparations until October. (AP)



## Annan Fires Top Security Official Over Iraq Bombing

UNITED NATIONS | Secretary-General Kofi Annan fired one senior U.N. official and demoted another Monday for failing to protect U.N. staff ahead of the Aug. 19 bombing of U.N. headquarters in Baghdad that killed 22 people, including top U.N. envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello.

Acting on the findings of a scathing report detailing mistakes made by several officials, Annan singled out Tun Myat, the U.N. security coordinator, who was asked to resign and did so. Annan also chastised Myat's deputy, Louise Frechette. She submitted her resignation but Annan refused to accept it, a U.N. spokesman said.

Annan's action appeared to be unprecedented: U.N. senior leaders are almost never rebuked in such a public fashion. But the bombings were extraordinarily traumatic for U.N. staff, who refer to the tragedy as "our Sept. 11." NICK WADHAMS (AP)

**Casualties:** The Army accepted responsibility for the deaths of two Iraqi journalists | Today's Post: Section A

### INDIA | POLITICAL LEGACIES



**SCION:** Rahul Gandhi, heir to the legacy of India's best-known political family, made his debut Monday, campaigning for a parliamentary seat in Uttar Pradesh under the Congress Party banner. Gandhi is the son of Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister who was killed in a 1991 suicide bombing, and the great-grandson of Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first prime minister.

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/AP



**BY THE NUMBERS:** Spain's incoming Socialist government, facing international pressure over plans to withdraw the country's 1,300 troops from Iraq, indicated Monday that it would double its deployment to Afghanistan. An aide to the incoming defense minister said Monday that the country's military contingent in Afghanistan would increase to 250 soldiers this summer. (AP)

## Suicide Bombers Hit Uzbekistan

### Two women become first suicide attackers in ex-Soviet country

TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN | Two women blew themselves up at a children's store and bus stop in the Uzbek capital Monday, the first suicide attacks in this U.S.-allied nation in Central Asia and the finale to 12 hours of mayhem that killed 19 people.

The violence, which included two assaults on police and an explosion at a bomb-making hideaway, also marked the first outbreak of terrorism in this majority Muslim coun-

try since the secular government became a staunch U.S. ally after Sept. 11. Uzbekistan hosts hundreds of U.S. troops.

President Islam Karimov blamed Islamic extremists and said there had been several arrests. He said backing likely came from a banned radical group that had never been linked to terrorist acts — Hizb ut-Tahrir, or the Party of Liberation. The group denied responsibility.

The suicide bombings were the first such attacks ever reported in the five Central Asian nations once ruled by the Soviet Union: Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. BURT HERMAN (AP)

### AMERICA'S ALLY IN UZBEKISTAN

→ **Islam Karimov**, Uzbekistan's leader since the Soviet era, has established a measure of stability with a strict rule that some critics at home and abroad say violates human rights. At first he

was praised for controlling ethnic and religious passions, but he later drew criticism for his brutal campaign against dissident Muslims. He has also banned opposition groups.

## In Brief

### WASHINGTON NATO Expands to 26 as Bush Welcomes 7 New Countries

President Bush welcomed seven former Soviet-bloc nations into NATO on Monday, saying the 55-year-old Western alliance would be strengthened because "tyranny for them is

still a fresh memory." Joining Bush at the ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House were the leaders of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. (AP)

### LITHUANIA French Rock Star Given 8 Years in Death of Girlfriend

French rock star Bertrand Cantat was convicted of manslaughter in the

beating death of Marie Trintignant, his movie-star girlfriend, and sentenced to eight years in prison. Cantat's lawyer, Olivier Metzner, said he would appeal the verdict, calling it "absolutely excessive." The love affair between Trintignant and Cantat, the 40-year-old lead singer of one of France's most popular bands, Noir Desir, was once the focus of public fascination in France. (AP)

### UNITED NATIONS Brazil Withdraws Measure on Gay Rights From U.N. Roster

Brazil withdrew a resolution championing gay rights at a meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission on Monday, saying there wasn't enough international support for the document for a second year in a row. The resolution would condemn discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation. (AP)

### HEARSAY | BUTT OUT

"He stayed in the loo too long. I .... went in and could hear him puffing, puffing, puffing."

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# U.S. Team to Probe Taiwan Shooting

Expert from inquiry into JFK assassination to study Chen shooting

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | A U.S. forensics team led by an expert who investigated John F. Kennedy's assassination began its probe Monday into the election eve shooting of Taiwanese leader Chen Shui-bian.

Solving the shooting mystery could be key to defusing the crisis over the March 20 election. Chen's top rival, Lien Chan, has insinuated that the president staged the shooting to get a boost from last-minute sympathy votes. Chen's margin of victory was 0.2 percent.

After more than a week of bitter wrangling and massive street protests, Lien's Nationalists and

Chen's Democratic Progressive Party agreed Monday to set up a separate, independent probe of the shooting and called for a recount.

Meanwhile, the forensics team began analyzing evidence Monday from the shooting. The gunshot slightly injured Chen as he was campaigning in an open vehicle March 19. The team leader, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, suggested the conspiracy theories that Chen faked the shooting seemed unlikely.

"Looking at this wound, it is consistent with a gunshot wound," said Wecht, who consulted on high-profile cases ranging from the Kennedy assassination to the death of Elvis Presley. WILLIAM FOREMAN (AP)

**Defiant:** Chen, in an interview with the Post, signals he'll take a tough line on China | Today's Post: Section A

## NORTH KOREA | ACROSS A GREAT DIVIDE



**SIBLING REVELRY:** Huh Song-woel, right, is embraced by her brother and sisters at North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort on Monday. Dozens of South Koreans went to the resort to be reunited with family members in the North, many of whom they haven't seen since the 1950-53 Korean War. It was the ninth reunion between North and South Koreans since 2000.

## Al Qaeda's Intel Chief Reportedly Killed in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Intercepted radio conversations indicate al Qaeda's top intelligence chief may have been killed in fighting in Pakistan, intelligence officials there said Monday, but they admitted that no body has been found.

The radio transmissions disclosed that a man named Abdullah had been killed and that the death caused a great deal of distress among the al Qaeda forces, a Pakistani intelligence official said on condition of anonymity. He added that interrogations led the Pakistanis to believe that Abdullah was the group's top intelligence official.

Pakistan's sweep through western tribal areas to root out suspected terrorists resulted in the deaths of 63 suspected militants and the arrest of 167 more, a spokesman for the Pakistani army said Monday. (AP)

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## Lead Levels Up at More Md. Schools

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | Six of the 16 Prince George's County Public Schools tested have come back with elevated lead levels in the water.

Glenridge Elementary is on the list with Seabrook Elementary, Robert Gray Elementary, Calverton Elementary, Edgar Allan Poe Elementary and Thomas Claggett Elementary.

In Montgomery County, Takoma Park Elementary and Flower Hill Elementary tested high for lead. (AP)

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### MARYLAND

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Mid-day Pick 4	<b>8-1-2-6</b>
Mid-day Cash 5	<b>3-8-16-28-34</b>

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Gov. Robert Ehrlich, seated second from right, signs a measure into law Monday intended to help victims of Tropical Storm Isabel rebuild and rehabilitate their homes.

## Ehrlich Inks New Relief Bill for Victims of Isabel

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | A bill that holds out the promise of help for some Marylanders whose homes were damaged by Tropical Storm Isabel was signed into law Monday by Gov. Robert Ehrlich.

The bill, sponsored by Democratic leaders in the House of Delegates, creates a new emergency housing program, called the Hurricane Isabel Rehabilitation and Renovation Program, which will offer loans at little or no interest for repairs not covered by insurance or other aid programs.

Homeowners would have to pay

only the interest on the loans for 30 years unless the property is sold.

"This is going to help some," said Bernice Myer, whose home on Miller's Island in Baltimore County was flooded by Isabel.

"We're still holding out hope that flood insurance is going to pay us what they owe. Then you wouldn't need loans at all," she said. "But for some people, there's still going to be a gap."

House Speaker Michael Busch, D-Anne Arundel, said the bill is an example of "the great things you can do in government, which is help those who need help." TOM STUCKEY (AP)



**BY THE NUMBERS:** Fire broke out in Eastern High School in Northeast Washington on Monday. That's the sixth fire at the school since March 19 — a period of only seven school days, District fire authorities said. (AP)

## Mayor's Budget Avoids Tax Hikes

**\$6.25B plan focuses on education, public safety, development**

WASHINGTON | Mayor Anthony A. Williams unveiled a \$6.25 billion budget plan Monday which focuses on education, public safety and economic development, and — he hopes — avoids the need for tax hikes. But Williams also warned there could be service cuts.

The spending plan relies on increased property values and stepped up enforcement of parking and traffic laws to boost revenues by about 11 percent.

Plans call for various permit fees and fines to produce an additional \$47.8 million in revenues, while revenue from taxes will

increase \$27.4 million. Although residential property tax increases are capped at 12 percent per year, the District can now adjust assessment values annually.

The mayor's budget, which is subject to review by the D.C. Council, includes \$16 million for preschool education programs open to all 3-4 year-olds in the city.

It also provides \$4 million to expand the number of poorly performing D.C. schools receiving extra services from 15 to 20.

An additional \$4 million will be provided to improve security at the city's schools.

But Williams has also ordered city agencies under his control to trim spending by \$62 million, and he warned that will affect some services. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

## Va. Teen Driver in Crash Didn't Have License or Permit

ASHBURN, VA. | A 15-year-old who crashed a pickup truck, killing two friends, had neither a driver's license nor a learner's permit, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office said Monday.

A sheriff's spokesman said authorities were still investigating whether

the boy had permission to take the truck, which he drove onto a median where he lost control before going over an embankment late Saturday. The crash killed Anthony Cibelli-Mason, 17, and Nicholas J. Pendola, 16.

The driver remained hospitalized Monday in fair condition.

Grief counselors were on hand at Stone Bridge High School, and the parents of the dead teens stopped by Monday to tell other students to learn from what happened and to pray for the young driver. (AP)

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# Jury Still Out at Tyco Trial

Judge: Juror at middle of furor can continue

NEW YORK | The jury weighing charges against two former Tyco International executives went back to work Monday after the judge rejected a defense request for a mistrial that was based on a furor over one juror apparently holding out for acquittal.

Judge Michael Obus said he had spoken with the juror, a 79-year-old woman who has been identified in several media reports, and determined that she could continue to deliberate properly.

Juror No. 4 had become the object of intense scrutiny when some news organizations reported that she had made an "OK" gesture directed at the defense while walk-

ing to the jury box on Friday. Yet exactly what gesture the juror made, or whether she intended to make a gesture at all, was in dispute.

Defense lawyers said they had not seen the gesture. Prosecutors also told reporters they hadn't seen it, and the defense claimed prosecutors were aware of it only because they had been alerted by reporters. An AP reporter saw the gesture but did not interpret it as an "OK" sign.

After the latest round of fireworks at the nearly six-month trial, the jury resumed its examination of an improper \$20 million fee contained in one of the top counts, grand larceny, against for-



Kozlowski

Swartz

mer Tyco chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski and former chief financial officer Mark Swartz. The defendants are accused in 32 counts of looting \$600 million from the conglomerate. Prosecutors say they did that by hiding excessive pay packages from the board and by selling stock at inflated prices.

The jurors finished deliberating for the day without reaching a verdict and were to continue Tuesday. (AP)

## Judge Cuts Record Verdict Against Exxon to \$3.6B

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | The record \$11.9 billion verdict that Alabama won in a natural gas royalty dispute with Exxon Mobil was cut to \$3.6 billion Monday by a state judge who said she was bringing it in line with U.S. Supreme Court guidelines.

But Montgomery County Circuit Judge Tracy McCooley said there was

no question about Exxon Mobil's intentions when it drilled natural gas wells in state-owned waters along the Alabama coast.

"This court is thoroughly convinced ... that Exxon intentionally and deliberately took actions ... to commit fraud upon the state," the judge wrote. "Exxon engaged in a carefully planned scheme, conceived and approved at the highest echelons of its corporate offices, to keep nearly \$1 billion in easy money."

An Exxon Mobil spokesman said the company would appeal. (AP)

## In Brief

### COURT CASES

#### Judge Throws Out Lawsuit Against Disney Over Pooh

A judge threw out a lawsuit against the Walt Disney Co. over Winnie the Pooh merchandise royalties, ruling Monday that the owner of those rights unlawfully obtained confidential documents from Disney offices and trash. The decision, if it survives appeal, brings to a close a 13-year legal bid by Stephen Slesinger Inc., which sought to recover millions of dollars it claims Disney owes it for Pooh-related merchandise and royalties. (AP)

### ONLINE

#### Google Adds 'Froogle' Link To Coveted Homepage Spot

Google Inc. has fine-tuned its popular online search engine with a new

look designed to boost its Froogle shopping service. Google's redesign gives Froogle one of the coveted links located just above its search box. The changes unveiled Monday are the latest in a series of moves Google has made since Yahoo! broke off their partnership six weeks ago to spotlight its own search engine. (AP)

### INVESTIGATIONS

#### Tyson Acknowledges Inquiry Into Board Member Benefits

Tyson Foods Inc., the world's largest meat producer, said in a statement Monday that regulators at the Securities and Exchange Commission were conducting a formal investigation of benefits received by some board members and company officers, including former senior chairman Don Tyson and current chairman and chief executive John Tyson. A Tyson spokesman said Monday he could not elaborate on the company's statement. (AP)

# Designer Labels Retool For Department Stores

Top brands roll out less expensive lines to try to help the bottom line

NEW YORK | There'll be plenty of Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren clothes in department stores this spring, but the famed designer labels will have a few new twists.

Calvin Klein has a less expensive collection that reflects his minimalist style. Polo Ralph Lauren has retooled its label for women, Lauren by Ralph Lauren, while Tommy Hilfiger has come out with a more sophisticated line, H Hilfiger.

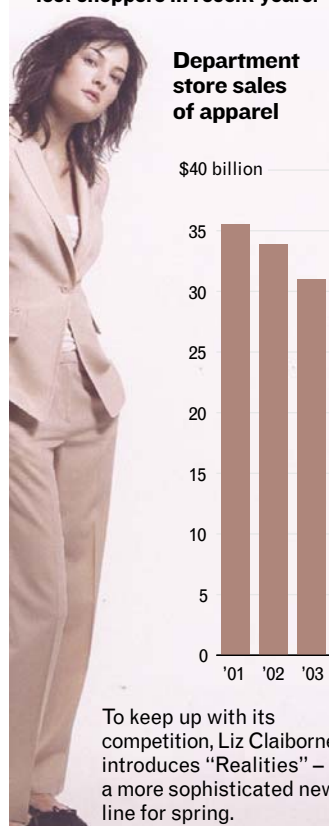
The new clothes are expected to help department stores — squeezed at the bottom by discounters and at the top by high-end stores — lure back some of the shoppers they've lost in recent years. Aimed at women ages 25 to 45, the new clothes are about a quarter of the price of designer fashions.

Department store officials, including those from Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Lord & Taylor, report strong sales so far.

"We feel very bullish," said Robert Jezowski, executive vice president of ready-to-wear women's clothes at Macy's. ANNE D'INNOCENZIO (AP)

## Springtime lift?

New career fashions from designers such as Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein are expected to help department stores that have lost shoppers in recent years.



## HEARSAY | TRENDS

"Is it mainstream? No. But it's used more than people acknowledge. ... The board might not be OK spending money on a feng shui consultant."

—PETER REISS, FENG SHUI CONSULTANT ON THE GROWING NUMBER OF CORPORATIONS THAT REPORTEDLY USE THE 4,000-YEAR-OLD EASTERN PRACTICE AS A WAY TO IMPROVE BUSINESS SUCCESS. (L.A. TIMES)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MillenChm	15.11	+2.56	+20.4
FMC Cp	42.23	+5.14	+13.9
GnMarit	24.08	+2.68	+12.5
WMS	32.40	+3.48	+12.0
MetrisCos	7.89	+72	+10.0

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Trump	3.06	-.34	-10.0
KeyEng	10.87	-.83	-7.1
GlobPwr	8.27	-.49	-5.6
MedStaff	7.49	-.30	-3.9
Leviitt n	25.27	-.97	-3.7

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.0625	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.93
2-year	1.62	1.49
10-year	3.89	3.72
30-year	4.81	4.67

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IPIX Cp	5.06	+2.69	+113.5
Tularik	24.53	+7.53	+44.3
ArchWire n	32.31	+8.35	+34.8
MissnRes	3.00	+.70	+30.4
HlywdE	13.66	+2.96	+27.7

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Callidus n	8.79	-4.89	-35.7
LbtyH A	5.88	-1.37	-18.9
StarScien	4.09	-.78	-16.0
SonusNet	3.92	-.64	-14.0
TEL Off	6.12	-1.00	-14.0

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5501	.5510	.6348
Canadian Dollar	1.3084	1.3181	1.4714
European Euro	.8235	.8249	.9278
Japanese Yen	105.46	105.90	119.70
Mexican Peso	11.2250	11.1020	10.7300
Taiwanese Dollar	33.19	33.27	34.74

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### Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amersham	74.26	+.06	+8.8
Amgen	59.55	+1.46	-3.6
AppBio	20.01	+.37	-3.4
BiogenIdc	55.93	+2.75	+52.4
Celgene	47.03	+.56	+4.8
Chiron	44.75	+.73	-21.5
Genentech	104.95	+1.31	+12.2
Genzyme	46.53	+.68	-5.6
GileadSci	55.30	+1.51	-5.1
Imclone	49.13	+2.09	+23.9
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MedImun	23.29	+.29	-8.2
MillPhar	17.01	-.02	-8.8
Monsnto	35.02	+.59	+21.7
QstDiag	83.54	+1.44	+14.3



## Don't sweat over these disc burners

**REVIEW** | It might seem like overkill to spend \$100 on software to burn compact discs and DVDs. After all, Windows XP can handle basic CD authoring, and most DVD writers ship with a hodgepodge of programs.

But doubters need look no further than the latest versions of Roxio's Easy Media Creator or Ahead Software's Nero Ultra Edition to see that there's benefit to spending extra money for a suite that keeps all disc-burning functions under one software roof.

To begin with, it's less difficult to master a suite because such programs usually share common icons and interfaces. Plus, a unified suite makes it easier to pull video, audio and pictures together into a single project.



Both Easy Media Creator 7 and Nero Ultra Edition 6 include sound and video editing software, a utility to design labels and inserts, back-up tools and, of course, programs for copying, burning and playing every conceivable format of CD and DVD.

Both Easy Media Creator and Nero start off with a screen that lays out all the options. Instead of having to guess which program does what, it's as easy as clicking on "Create DVD" or "Capture video" from a start panel.

Nero tends to focus more on functions that are more directly related to disc burning.

Its strength is that it allows nearly total control over the burning process, from choosing Byzantine technical options (like Joliet, ISO 9660, HFS and the like), to squeezing more data onto a CD, a process called overburning.

If you think Joliet is just a famous prison in Illinois, you might want to stick with the simpler Easy Media Creator 7. **MATTHEW FORDAHL (AP)**



# Chasing Clients

## Electronic records help lawyers target customers instantly

**LAW** | When their son didn't come home one night, Julie and Dennis Danielson fretted that something terrible had happened. The young man suffers from a mental illness requiring daily medication.

Two days later, the Chula Vista, Calif., couple got a call. Their son had been arrested on the mistaken suspicion that his erratic behavior was drug-induced.

After retrieving their son, Julie Danielson checked the mail. She was shocked to see at least 12 envelopes from defense attorneys offering their services.

Just as the work of police, college recruiters and employers is being transformed by ever-more efficient database technology, so is the legal profession.

Lawyers in many states can now track down the names and addresses of prospective clients — within



Julie Danielson looks over flyers sent by law firms after her son was arrested.

hours of their legal entanglements — with the help of electronic records and information vendors.

SpeedingTicket.net pays states 10 to 30 cents for each record that it downloads, then charges lawyers 50 cents to over \$1 to relay the data

or perform value-added services, such as printing and mailing letters to prospective clients.

Lawyers who drum up business with direct mail argue that it gives people facing such charges as driving-while-intoxicated a much better way to get legal help than rifling through the yellow pages.

But direct solicitations from digitally adept lawyers are coming under increasing scrutiny. Some critics say it's merely an update to ambulance chasing.

The Danielsons felt their mail deluge invaded their privacy, especially one firm's envelope that openly proclaimed: "Experts In Drug Charges."

The couple was astonished that Riverside County deputies failed to call them when their son was arrested — though contact and medical information was in the young man's wallet — yet managed to inform people who wanted his business.

"The whole situation was very disturbing," Julie Danielson said.

**BRIAN BERGSTEIN (AP)**

**Creeping fear:** Talk outsourcing with the head of the Information Technology Association of America, today at 11 a.m. on [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline).

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**PINKING CHEERS:** Walkers await the start of the National Race for the Cure. Walking does more than just raise money for breast cancer, a new study says.

# Keep on Walking

**CANCER** | Getting modest amounts of exercise, even just an easy half-hour walk a day, appears to substantially improve women's chances of surviving breast cancer.

Staying active has long been thought to lower the risk of getting cancer, but a new report says it may also be an important prescription for recovery.

The study, released Monday, found that women who exercised after breast cancer reduced their chance of dying from the disease by one-quarter to one-half, depending on how active they were.

"We know that physical activity has been shown to improve the quality of life for women with breast cancer," said Dr. Michelle Holmes of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "We conclude it may also help them live longer as well as better."

Just how exercise might do this

is still unclear, though experts have several theories. Whatever the biological explanation, the researchers say moderate exercise is an undeniably safe recommendation that can improve cancer survivors' health in many ways.

Holmes presented her findings Monday at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, a gathering of 13,500 researchers in Orlando.

People who walk and get other kinds of exercise are less likely to develop many common health problems, including heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoporosis and diabetes. Several studies also suggest exercise can prevent breast and colon cancer, and it may also help stop endometrial, kidney and esophageal cancer. **DANIEL Q. HANEY (AP)**

**Leading edge:** Why, exactly, is lead so dangerous? In today's Washington Post, Health section.

LIVE ONLINE

## Moving Crew

Talk fitness with the Post Health staff, aka **THE MOVING CREW**, every other Tuesday at 2 p.m. on [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline).

**Why is it that most video workout tapes show women sized 2 to 5, when most of the women who buy and/or need the tapes are heavier?**

There are a few exercise videos that come a little closer to reality. One of them is "Accessible Yoga for

Every Body" (part of the Yoga for the Young at Heart series, \$19.95, DVD and VHS).

**What's a good fitness program for de-stressing? Besides yoga.**

Swimming is fabulous for de-stressing because of the rhythm and the perspiration modulation (you are sweating, but it washes right off). It's probably also so soothing because water is such a comforting environment — recall that we spend our pre-natal lives in, essentially, a small swimming pool. Plus it is usually social — every pool has its regulars.





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## The Redskins

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Washington Post staff writer **NUNYO DEMASIO** was online Monday talking about the Redskins first minicamp.

**Do you think LaVar Arrington had a change of attitude after being around Joe Gibbs for a few days or has he realized Redskins fans don't want a prima donna around no matter how talented he is?**

I think Arrington decided to take the high road after having a couple days to think about it. I don't think he planned on continuously complaining in the media. I'm sure the first minicamp helped Arrington's spirits. And after his olive branch on Saturday, he met with Gibbs who I'm sure reinforced that Arrington made the right move.

**Why have the Redskins traded away fullback Bryan Johnson? He would have been perfect for the Joe Gibbs offense.**

The Redskins basically turned a negative into a positive. You have to give the front office credit for the maneuver. It was surprising when the Redskins matched the offer sheet from the Saints on Friday because it left Washington with almost no cap space with several needs to fill. The 'Skins wouldn't have received a draft pick if Johnson left. Now, the team gets a sixth-round pick.

**Was Jeremiah Trotter "disinvited" from minicamp purely over his salary cap number? Other players likely to be cut, such as Larry Moore at \$1.3 million, were invited. I feel like there's more at hand than we've been told.**

There's no conspiracy with Jeremiah Trotter. "Disinvited" and being given permissions to seek a trade is basically a euphemism for being fired as a player. In a best-case scenario the Redskins can finagle a draft pick for Trotter. If not, the Redskins will just cut him.

**Who played better at minicamp: Mark Brunell or Tim Hasselbeck? Or Patrick Ramsey for that matter, but I know he didn't fully participate.**

Both played well but Brunell is so far ahead of Hasselbeck in the NFL. Ramsey looked sharp.



Emeka Okafor scored only two points in Connecticut's victory over Alabama on Saturday because of an injury. The center is expected to play in the Final Four.

## Health a Major Concern For Remaining Squads

UConn., Ga. Tech, Duke have key players hurt headed into games

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** | Saddled with a bum ankle, B.J. Elder limped during warmups, limped through 12 scoreless minutes, then limped back on the court to celebrate Georgia Tech's first trip to the Final Four in 14 years.

In Phoenix, Connecticut center Emeka Okafor had only two points in the regional final because of an elbow stinger. And Duke held off Xavier in Atlanta with guard Chris Duhon clearly hobbled by sore ribs.

Still, all three teams survived

over the weekend and moved on, hoping the wear and tear of a long season will not keep them from winning a national championship.

Only Oklahoma State, the fourth team to advance, is completely healthy.

Okafor skipped a light practice Monday to have an MRI on his neck and right shoulder, and the results were normal, according to UConn spokesman Kyle Muncy. He is expected to resume practicing Tuesday and should be ready for Saturday's game against Duke.

Duhon has played throughout the tournament with his injury and Elder is expected to play Saturday as well.

KEITH PARSONS (AP)

## Duke Is at Home In the Final Four

Krzyzewski aims for fourth national title coaching Blue Devils

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** | Sheldon Williams couldn't help but smile Monday when asked about Duke's three-year absence from the Final Four.

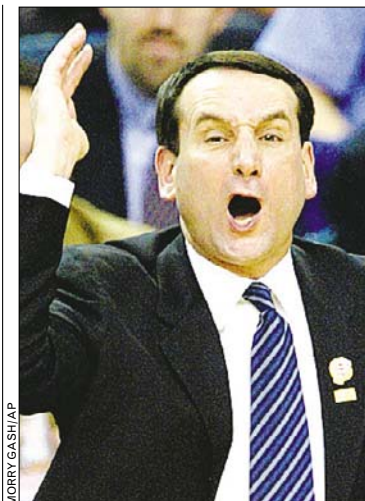
"Three years is pretty dry," the sophomore said with a laugh.

Jokes aside, that is the attitude at a program that has reached the national semifinals 10 times in 19 seasons. Under Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski, getting this far in the NCAA tournament is not just a goal. It's expected.

Krzyzewski, in his 24th year at Duke, is second in NCAA tournament victories with 64, one behind North Carolina's Dean Smith. He also ranks third in Final Four appearances with 10, two back of UCLA's John Wooden and one behind Smith.

Now the Blue Devils are two wins away from a fourth national title.

The Blue Devils (31-5) face



Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski ranks third in Final Four appearances.

Connecticut in Saturday's semifinal in San Antonio. It's the Blue Devils' first trip to the Final Four since winning the national title in 2001.

"That's the reason I came to Duke, and I'm sure it's the reason most of the guys came to Duke," sophomore guard J.J. Redick said. "To be in situations like this." AARON BEARD (AP)

**Fearsome foursome:** Author and sports writer John Feinstein chats about the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline) at 2 p.m.

## Baylor Seeks Review of Late Foul Call

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** | Baylor wants an explanation from the NCAA.

The Bears want to know why officials reviewed replays of the final seconds of their loss to Tennessee in the Midwest Regional on Sunday night, put time back on the clock and gave the Lady Vols what proved to be two game-winning free throws.

Baylor lost 71-69 when Tasha Butts hit two free throws after officials called a foul on Baylor guard Jessika Stratton after time expired.

"Baylor University has been in communication with the Big 12 Conference and the two parties will jointly request a review," Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw said Monday. (AP)

### HEARSAY | FOOTBALL

"I'm for anything that gives my team a better chance to make the playoffs."

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## Redskins Trade Johnson for Draft Pick

**PRO FOOTBALL** | The Chicago Bears acquired fullback Bryan Johnson from the Washington Redskins in exchange for a sixth-round draft pick Monday.

Johnson, a converted linebacker and a three-year starter, caught nine passes for 71 yards and had two carries for 5 yards. In 2002, he led Washington with 21 special-

teams tackles.

Washington was slow in its attempt to sign Johnson to a new contract, so he signed a four-year, \$4.3 million offer sheet with the New Orleans Saints two weeks ago.

The Redskins matched the offer on Friday, but the contract included a bonus that was to be

paid Tuesday \_ which would have wiped out much of Washington's remaining cap space.

The trade with the Bears beat the bonus deadline and gives the Redskins a much-needed draft pick. Washington has just two other selections \_ in the first and fifth rounds \_ in April's draft.

Also Monday, the Redskins waived linebacker Armegis Spearman. (AP)



## Sports

# Players Change, Pinstripes Don't

## Overhauled Yankees begin season in Tokyo

**BASEBALL** | In a land far from home, where fans will watch on TV in the wee hours of the morning, the New York Yankees start the process of atonement.

They've been hounded by failure for five months, their roster revamped by an owner who deemed it a disaster to fall two wins shy of a World Series title.

Baseball fans across Japan will be watching when the Yankees open the major league season against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Tuesday at 5:07 a.m. EST.

New York opens with a payroll of \$182.8 million, according to a survey of its contracts by The Associated Press. That's up from \$169.6 million at the end of last year. Tampa Bay starts at \$29.2 million.

Since Florida beat the Yankees

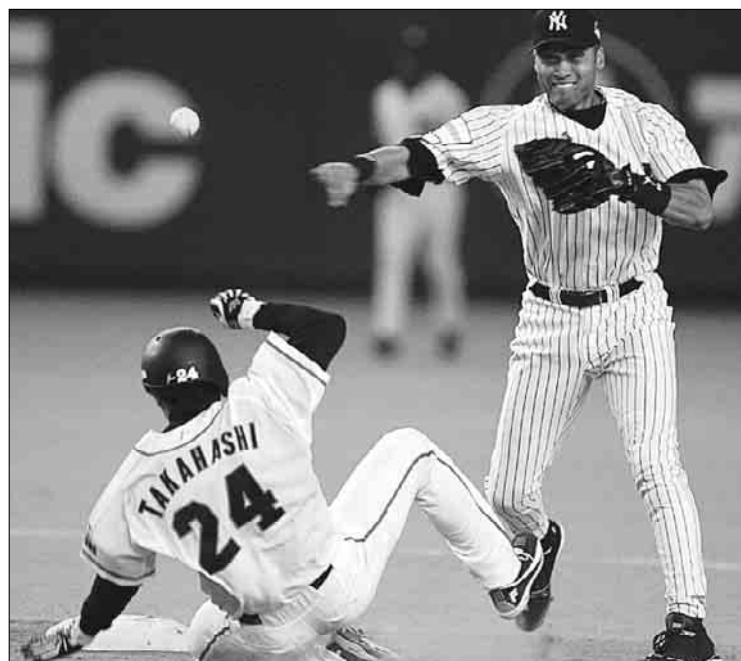
2-0 to win Game 6 of the World Series, Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens signed with Houston, while David Wells defected to San Diego. New York traded Alfonso Soriano, Nick Johnson and Jeff Weaver, and it released Aaron Boone.

Their replacements?

Alex Rodriguez, the reigning AL MVP, is at the top of the list. Kevin Brown and Javier Vazquez were acquired in deals to fill holes in the starting rotation, and Paul Quantrill and Tom Gordon were signed to solidify the bullpen. Owner George Steinbrenner personally negotiated deals with outfielders Gary Sheffield and Kenny Lofton.

Manager Joe Torre is confident. "Offensively we're better and our bullpen is better," he said.

RONALD BLUM (AP)



Derek Jeter is still playing shortstop for the New York Yankees, but he is one of only 12 players left from last year's squad that lost in Game 6 of the World Series.

## In Brief

### GOLF

#### Daly Qualifies for Masters

John Daly gets another crack at Augusta National. Daly, who picked up his first PGA Tour victory in nine years last month at Torrey Pines, was among the final five players Monday who qualified for The Masters by finishing in the top 10 on the money list or the top 50 in the world ranking. Daly dropped only one spot to No. 10 on the money list. He was only safe when Adam Scott won The Players Championship, and none of the players behind Daly on the money list finished second. (AP)

### HOCKEY

#### NHL Approves Thrashers Sale to Boston-Based Group

The NHL approved the sale of the Atlanta Thrashers on Monday, and the new owners expect to take over in the next few days. A nine-man group headed by Boston businessman Steve Belkin agreed to buy the Thrashers, the Atlanta Hawks, and Philips Arena for \$250 million from Time Warner in September. The NBA gave its approval on the Hawks' deal two weeks ago. (AP)

### SOCCER

#### Beckham Can't Bend Calf

England captain David Beckham withdrew Monday from this week's Euro 2004 warmup against Sweden with a calf injury. Beckham went off limping in the 85th minute of Real Madrid's 5-1 victory over Sevilla on Sunday after a tackle by midfielder Jose Luis Marti. He traveled to England to join the national squad but missed training Monday and decided to pull out of Wednesday's game in Goteborg. (AP)



The oft-injured David Beckham is sitting out England's match with Sweden.

## SPRING TRAINING | BACK TO LEAN ON



**LIFTOFF:** St. Louis Cardinals' Tony Womack, right, falls across the back of the New York Mets' Eric Valent after making the tag at second and leaping into the air for the throw to first during Monday's spring training game in Jupiter, Fla.

## TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**BASEBALL** (5 a.m. on ESPN2) Major League Baseball's season begins in Japan with a game between the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

**PRO HOCKEY** (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Capitals look to break a three-game losing skid against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (7 p.m. and

9 p.m. on ESPN) Minnesota faces Duke and Tennessee plays Stanford, with the winners of each going to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on ESPN2) Rutgers and Iowa State square off and Oregon takes on Michigan in the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden in New York.

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-New Jersey	42	30	.583	—	4-6	29-15
Miami	35	38	.479	7.5	8-2	23-22
New York	34	40	.459	9	5-5	27-20
Boston	33	40	.452	9.5	6-4	22-25
Philadelphia	31	43	.419	12	5-5	22-26
Washington	23	50	.315	19.5	3-7	14-33
Orlando	19	56	.253	24.5	1-9	15-32

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-Indiana	54	19	.740	—	7-3	34-11
X-Detroit	47	27	.635	7.5	8-2	31-16
New Orleans	37	36	.507	17	4-6	27-23
Milwaukee	36	37	.493	18	3-7	28-17
Cleveland	32	40	.444	21.5	6-4	26-22
Toronto	30	43	.411	24	3-7	19-27
Atlanta	24	49	.329	30	4-6	15-31
Chicago	20	53	.274	34	2-8	17-29

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-Minnesota	50	24	.676	—	5-5	27-18
X-San Antonio	48	25	.658	1.5	6-4	27-17
Memphis	47	26	.644	2.5	8-2	27-18
Dallas	45	28	.616	4.5	5-5	27-17
Houston	42	30	.583	7	6-4	18-24
Utah	38	36	.514	12	6-4	22-23
Denver	38	37	.507	12.5	4-6	24-21

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-Sacramento	52	21	.712	—	5-5	29-15
X-L.A. Lakers	50	23	.685	2	9-1	26-18
Portland	37	35	.514	14.5	7-3	20-26
Seattle	34	39	.466	18	7-3	20-24
Golden State	32	40	.444	19.5	7-3	20-26
L.A. Clippers	27	48	.360	26	1-9	13-34
Phoenix	25	49	.338	27.5	4-6	13-32

Standings through March 28.

X-Clinched playoff berth.

✦ **Scoreboard:** Get a recap of the Wizards' game and Monday's action in the NHL and women's NCAA tournament | [washingtonpost.com/sports](http://washingtonpost.com/sports)

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Tampa Bay	45	21	8	5	103	236	182
Atlanta	32	35	8	4	76	208	235
Carolina	28	31	13	6	75	159	191
Florida	27	33	14	4	72	172	205
Washington	22	45	9	2	55	174	241

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Philadelphia	39	20	14	6	98	223	180
X-New Jersey	41	24	12	2	96	202	159
N.Y. Islanders	36	29	10	4	86	223	202
N.Y. Rangers	26	38	7	8	67	200	239
Pittsburgh	21	46	8	4	54	181	294

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Boston	39	18	14	7	99	198	177
X-Toronto	42	24	10	3	97	230	202
X-Ottawa	40	22	10	6	96	249	174
X-Montreal	40	28	7	4	91	201	182
Buffalo	35	32	7	4	81	207	210

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Detroit	45	20	11	2	103	243	178
St. Louis	37	28	11	2	87	184	191
Nashville	35	28	11	4	85	205	209
Columbus	24	42	8	4	60	169	224
Chicago	20	40	11	7	58	182	244

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Colorado	38	22	13	5	94	225	188
X-Vancouver	39	24	10	5	93	218	189
Calgary	40	29	7	3	90	195	172
Edmonton	35	27	12	5	87	216	201
Minnesota	27	28	20	3	77	173	172

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-San Jose	41	20	12	6	100	211	176
X-Dallas	40	24	13	2	95	186	166
Los Angeles	28	26	16	8	80	199	205
Anaheim	28	34	10	8	74	181	210
Phoenix	21	34	18	6	66	185	237

Standings through March 28.

Y - Clinched division; X - Clinched playoff spot.



**ROCK 'N' ROLL RENAISSANCE MAN:** Jack White, here with bandmate Meg White, adds "producer" to his job description.

# White Tornado

## Despite trying times, Jack White keeps busy

**PERSONALITY** | A whirlwind of court dates, award shows and tabloid rumors aren't slowing down Jack White.

The White Stripes frontman has recently been producing Loretta Lynn's upcoming album, filming scenes for a Jim Jarmusch movie

and writing songs for a new Stripes disc. He even joined Bob Dylan, one of his idols, on stage last week in Detroit.

The flurry of activity comes after a trying three-month period in which White was prosecuted for punching a fellow rocker in the face

at a concert. White said he regrets the incident and is now focusing on writing, producing and arranging music. He's also dabbling in acting, with appearances in "Cold Mountain" and Jarmusch's upcoming "Coffee and Cigarettes."

"I think making a film is probably the hardest art form in the world," he said. "If you're making

a movie and it's kind of turning out bad, there's no stopping. If I write an album and record a few songs and it's just not sounding good, I can just start over again."

It was on the set of "Cold Mountain" that White met actress Renee Zellweger. The pair's romance is regular tabloid fodder.

White also is spending significant time with the two other women in his life, bandmate Meg White and Lynn, whose album was written by the country legend and recorded under White's supervision over a two-week period in Nashville, Tenn.

White has long been an admirer of Lynn's. He dedicated the White Stripes' breakthrough disc, 2001's "White Blood Cells," to her, and recorded a cover of Lynn's "Rated X."

When Lynn decided to record a new album, White "humbly put my name out to produce it and somehow they let me do it."

White played guitar and piano on the album and did a duet with Lynn on "Portland, Oregon."

"Loretta just sang like a 21-year-old. It was amazing," he said. "It's Loretta like I've always wanted to hear her — Loretta like she should be heard. It really turned out perfect."

White fulfilled another dream last week by taking the stage with Bob Dylan. The two performed White's "Ball and Biscuit."

"There's no topping that," White said. "It was splendid."

MIKE HOUSEHOLDER (AP)

# Usher's Sensual Healing

## From cute teen idol to mature R&B seducer, Usher always pleases

**MUSIC** | Usher has been using his considerable sex appeal to woo fans since he was just a kid. Ten years since his debut, matters of sex are still foremost on the man's brain on "Confessions" (Arista), in which the singer delves into lust, temptation and the dirt people do that causes love to go bad.

"If I'm gonna tell it, then I gotta tell it all," he croons on the title track, a mournful song in which

he admits to getting his girl on the side pregnant. On the jaunty "Truth Hurts," though, Usher finds himself on the other side of the equation, nervously wondering whether his lover's been up to no good.

Then there's the smooth breakup ballad "Burn." Given the drama surrounding his recent breakup with TLC's Chilli — she publicly accused him of cheating — the song is almost an audio version of the National Enquirer.

There's also plenty of sensual pillow talk expertly designed to get a rise out of both sexes. He even does a Prince imitation on "Do It to Me,"

which borrows substantially from "The Beautiful Ones."

Though plenty of male R&B singers warble about lust, love, passion and infidelity, only a few do it with intelligence. "Confessions" is an artistic gem thanks to top-notch material from a variety of producers and songwriters including Usher himself, credited as a songwriter on most of the tracks.

Usher has proved himself to be among music's most popular stars; now with "Confessions," he should also be mentioned as among its artistic elite. NEKESA MUMBI

MOODY (AP)



**HE FEELS YOUR PAIN:** Usher's an expert on breakups, infidelity and love.

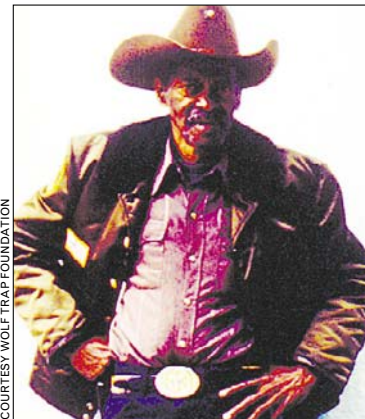
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## Roots Rocks: Gatemouth Opens

Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown plays the blues, but this elder statesman of American vernacular music also does so much more — zydeco, big band, standards, country and swing.

*Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$20; 703-218-6500.*



Gatemouth is cowboy-hat country, back-porch blues and 'gator-fry zydeco.

## Bring the Noise: Headbangers' Ball

All ages are invited to MTV's "Headbangers' Ball" night. Hatebreed, Drowning Pool, Damage Plan and Unearth will make a great deal of noise; fingers will be held in awkward "You rawk!" formation; heads will bang.

*Nation, 1015 Half St. SE; 7 p.m., \$20; 202-432-7328.*

## Student Union: Black Arts Fest

Howard University celebrates the artistry of its students in this annual rite of the season, the Spring Black Arts Festival. Singers, dancers and designers put their talent on display for friends, families and famous guests.

*Howard University, Cramton Auditorium, 2455 Sixth St. NW; through Fri., April 2, \$15; 202-806-4143. (Shaw-Howard U)*

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# Entertainment

## Latin Comes Out Swinging

**BOOKS** | Latin is Greek to most of us, but there's help in "X-treme Latin: Unleash Your Inner Gladiator" (Gotham Books) by satirist Henry Beard.

This handbook of Latin phrases might not help translate a prescription or a legal brief, but it does provide some smart-aleck remarks that could come in handy at the office, on the golf course, behind

the wheel, in front of a computer and at the sushi bar.

Is your medical bill too high? Tell your physician, "Mercedes tuae insane sunt" — "Your fees are insane." Caveat (beware) the medication with "Fieri potest ut cerebrum tuum liquefiat" on its label or "Your brain may turn to mush."

And if someone asks you

"Quagis?" ("Wassup?"), the appropriate reply might be "Eice id ex animo" — "Fuhgeddaboutit!"

Sections offer Latin phrases that might be found on T-shirts, bumper stickers and graffiti, as well as a selection of "Pig Latin" — no, not "atin-Lay ig-Pay," but some Latin words and expressions definitely rated NC-17.


RON BERTHEL (AP)

### APPRECIATION | PETER USTINOV, 1922-2004



**A TALENT FOR MIMICRY:** English actor Peter Ustinov, seen here in the role for which he was most famous, as Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, died Sunday of heart failure in a clinic near his home in Switzerland. He was 82.

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# Techno Cowboys

GIZMOS | Even in the Old West, it seems, technology mattered.

That's the premise of History Channel's "Wild West Tech," a weekly series examining what the channel calls the "tools and tricks used by the baddest men" and any other Westerner who lived by wits alone.

That would include cowboys, the subject of the debut episode airing at 10 p.m. tonight. The spread of newfangled barbed wire, the evolution of saddle and spur and the rise of bull riding are part of the roundup.

Keith Carradine, currently seen as legendary gunslinger Wild Bill Hickok in HBO's "Deadwood," is the very appropriate series host. (AP)



EASY, PARDNER: The "cardboard sheriff" was a poor deterrent to varmints.

## ON TV TONIGHT

### WHO'LL TREAT THE SNAKES?

**VENOM E.R.** (8 p.m., Animal Planet) Some longtime residents of California's San Bernardino County are up in arms. Well, they would be, if they had any arms. As suburban sprawl spreads farther into desert country, rattlesnakes confront their new human neighbors, often with calamitous results. This is one of the anecdotal tidbits found on a new series set in the Loma Linda University Medical Center specializing in treating people bitten by venomous animals such as snakes, scorpions and spiders.

### CHASING RAINBOWS

**THE HUNT FOR THE SUPERTWISTER** on Nova (8 p.m., PBS) Some researchers don't have the sense to come out of the rain — or out of the hail, thunder, lightning and 300-mile-per-hour winds. These are the storm-trackers, celebrated in



SNAKE, RATTLE, ROLL: A rattler watches humans destroy his home, and waits.

the 1996 drama "Twister" and documented tonight. Fans of The Weather Channel and dramatic storm footage should not miss this "Nova."

### THE REAL REALITY TV

**BUS 174** (6 p.m., Cinemax) The Brazilian documentary looks at a bus hijacking in Rio de Janeiro that captivated the country and became a media circus as well as a personal tragedy. Using raw, live footage, "Bus" shows how the incident escalated and how the media itself

played a part in creating the ensuing hysteria. The film also provides a window on Rio's impoverished population of homeless and hopeless street children, and the gruesome conditions that lead to crime and violence.

### CULT CHOICE

**BRIDE OF CHUCKY** (8 p.m., Sci-Fi) A demonic doll finds a special someone in the 1998 shocker, featuring the voices of Brad Dourif and Jennifer Tilly. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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BASIC CABLE	A&E		City Confidential "Santa Fe"				American Justice				Biography: Mackenzie P.				Cold Case Files				Other Man				Third Watch ∩			
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	Comedy		Late Night ∩				Daily Show				Mad TV ∩				Yankers				Insomniac				South Park			
	Court		NYPD Blue "4B or Not 4B"				Cops ∩				Cops ∩				The System				Forensic				Forensic			
	Discovery		G-Man-FBI Agent				The FBI Files				The FBI Files				Animal Face-Off				MythBusters				The FBI Files			
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	Disney		Even Stevens				Sister, Sister				Sister, Sister				Lizzie				"The Other Me" (2000, Comedy) Andy Lawrence.				Sister, Sister			
	E!		High Price of Fame: Starved				E! News (N)				Good to Be				Britney Spears Singer Britney Spears.				Infamous (N)				Howard Stern			
	FX		Cops ∩				Cops ∩				Cops ∩				★ "The One" (2001) Jet Li, Carla Gugino. Premiere.				The Shield (N)				The Shield			
	HGTV		Building				Landscapers				Curb Appeal				House				Outer Spaces				Sensible Chic			
	Family		Full House				Full House				7th Heaven ∩				★★★ "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams, Gene Hackman.				Whose Line?				The 700 Club			
	History		U.S. Marshals				Modern Marvels "Saloons"				Remember the Alamo The battle at the Alamo.				Wild West Tech (N)				Wild West Tech							
	Lifetime		The Nanny				Designing				Golden Girls				Golden Girls				★★½ "Shattered Hearts" (1998) Adrienne Barbeau.				★½ "Dirty Little Secret" (1998) Tracey Gold. (DVS)			
	MTV		Raiders				Scammers ∩				Real World				Real World				Real World				Real World			
	NICK		U-Pick ∩				U-Pick ∩				Rugrats				SpongeBob				Oddparents				All Grown Up			
	SCIFI		Stargate SG-1 "The Curse"				Stargate SG-1 ∩				Star Trek: Next Gener.				Star Trek: Next Gener.				★½ "Bride of Chucky" (1998) Jennifer Tilly. ∩				Mad Mad House ∩			
	SPIKE		Real TV ∩				Real TV ∩				Star Trek: Next Gener.				Star Trek: Next Gener.				Oblivious (N)				Oblivious (N)			
	TBS		Home Imp.				Seinfeld				Seinfeld				Friends				★★½ "Out for Justice" (1991) (PA) Steven Seagal.				★★ "Fire Down Below" (1997) (PA) Steven Seagal.			
TLC		Clean Sweep				In a Fix "Kids' Gallery"				Rides "The Moal"				Rides "Topless"				Spymaster				Rides "The Moal"				
TNT		Charmed ∩				Law & Order ∩ (DVS)				Law & Order "Genius" ∩				Law & Order "Seer" ∩				Charmed "Little Monsters"				Angel ∩				
USA		Walker, Texas Ranger				JAG "Mutiny" ∩				Law & Order				★★★ "GoldenEye" (1995, Adventure) Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean. (DVS)												
VHI		(5:00) ★★★ "Selenia" (1997) Jennifer Lopez. ∩								★★★ "The Blues Brothers" (1980, Comedy) John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd. Premiere. ∩												Driven "Janet Jackson" ∩				
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	MSNBC		The Abrams Report (Live)				Hardball (Live)				Countdown-Olbermann				Deborah Norville Tonight				Scarborough Country (Live)							
MOVIES	AMC		★★★ "Donovan's Reef" (1963) John Wayne. 'NR'				★★★ "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (1979) William Shatner. 'PG'				★★★½ "The War of the Worlds" (1953)															
	TCM		★★★ "Colorado Territory" (1949) Joel McCrea. 'NR'				★★★ "In Name Only" (1939) Carol Lombard. 'NR'				★★½ "Hit the Deck" (1955) Jane Powell. 'NR'															
	HBO		(5:30) "Doc Hollywood" ∩				(1:15) ★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002) Shane West. ∩				★½ "What a Girl Wants" (2003) 'PG'				Scooby				The Sopranos ∩							
	MAX		★★★ "Bus 174" (2002, Documentary) 'NR'				★★★½ "Adaptation." (2002) Nicolas Cage. [R]				★★½ "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) 'PG-13'								Nightcap							
	SHO		★★ "My Giant" (1998) Billy Crystal. iTV. ∩ 'PG'				★ "Serving Sara" (2002) Matthew Perry. 'PG-13'				★★★ "Igby Goes Down" (2002) 'R'								Crossing							
	TMC		(1:15) ★★★ "Honeymoon in Vegas" (1992) James Caan.				★★ "Die Another Day" (2002) Pierce Brosnan. 'PG-13'				(1:15) ★★★½ "We Were Soldiers" (2002) Mel Gibson. 'R'															
	STARZ!		"The Emperor's Club"				On the Set				(2:20) ★★ "All About the Benjamins" 'R'				★★★ "Black Hawk Down" (2001, Drama) Josh Hartnett. [R]				BASEketball							
	ENCORE		Far Off Pl.				(2:20) ★★ "Nothing but Trouble" (1991) ∩				★ "Car 54, Where Are You?" (1994)				(3:35) ★★ "Big Bully" (1996) Rick Moranis.				(1:10) "High Road to China"							



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**CLASSY, INTELLIGENT, ATTRACTIVE** Caribbean lady, 30s, seeks down-to-earth, responsible, attractive guy, 28-42, with similar values for dating. Enjoys traveling, dancing and cultural events. **✆975250**

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**YOUNG SB MOM**, 22, goes to school, works hard and is looking for some more fun in life, with a great guy. **✆901805**

**ARTISTIC DWF**, 37, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an unconcerned, loving S/DWM, 32-45, who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **✆804441**

**22-YEAR-OLD, SBF**, 5'10", light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SB/WM, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **✆771602**

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF**, 27, Aries, N/S, educator, tall, athletic, seeks African-American S/DM, 24-37, N/S, for sharing fun, dinner, movies, sporting events. **✆727939**

**SBF**, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **✆356120**

**FEMALE SPORTS FAN**, SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **✆644991**

**NUBIAN PRINCESS. SBPCF**, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBWM, 5'11"+, for companionship. **✆767234**

**GENTLE, BROWN-SKINNED WOMAN**, 36, radiant smile and natural beauty, seeks kind-hearted, fit gentleman, 37-45, N/S, for nature outings, cultural events, and relaxed conversation. **✆470350**

**ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED SBF**, 36, Gemini, N/S, seeks WM, 36-40, N/S, who is educated / with no children, for LTR. **✆452998**

**ARE YOU THE** honorable, articulate, handsome, SBPM, 5'10"+, 35-40, for this opinionated, outgoing, attractive, SBPF 38? Lets find out. **✆412913**

**SMART, Lively, ATTRACTIVE**, liberal woman, 32, devoted Red Sox fan, loves reading, people-watching, good conversation. Seeking intelligent, funny, self-assured, thoughtful man. Could it be you? **✆935466**

**VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT** SWPF, 35, 5'4", slender, brown/green, enjoys music, traveling, trying new things, seeking handsome, well-educated, tall, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, no kids. LTR. **✆75669**

**MAN IN UNIFORM**, Attractive, energetic SBF, 30, 5'6", 120lbs, seeks honest, respectful, communicative SW/HM, 29-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆349299**

**SINGLE MOM, SEXY**, outgoing female, 22, 6', 150lbs, light brown skin, sense of humor, loves basketball, football, video games. Seeking outgoing guy, sense of humor. **✆828018**

**BF**, 35, two children, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **✆387069**

**CREATIVE SBCF**, 20, 5'8", average looks, always smiling about something, likes theater, ESPN, travel, history. Would like a fun, intelligent Christian fellow. **✆965687**

**SBF**, 30, 5'6", 170lbs, losing weight, dark-skinned, cute, good job, two kids, likes movies, dinners, theater, spending time at home. Seeking SM, 30-38, companionship first. **✆955059**

**SBF**, 38, 5'2", dark complexion, seeks SWM, 35-50, who enjoys museums, cultural events, English history. Must like cuddling, workouts, and be unafraid of intimacy. **✆919620**

**COSMO GIRL SEEKS** Maxim guy, Attractive SBPF, Christian, 31, seeks funny, ambitious SPM, 27-35, any race, who enjoys quiet nights, lounges, sports, pets, the arts. **✆905608**

**ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, PASSIONATE**, fun SBF, 34, 5'3", 110lbs, with great sense of humor, seeks handsome, well-mannered, thoughtful, intelligent SW/HM, 32-45, N/S, for LTR. **✆903253**

**ROMANCE IS NOT** dead! 32-year-old BFF, 5'9", slim, attractive, physically/intellectually sound, seeks tall gentleman, 28-44, H/W proportionate, career/goal-oriented, with minimal baggage. No serial daters, please. **✆880806**

**VEGETARIAN NATURE GIRL**, 25, caring, honest, fun-loving, down-to-earth, passionate, enjoys walks in the rain, holding hands, cuddling, ISO honest man, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆858042**

**RUSSIAN LADY**, 35, attractive inside and out, fit, educated, ISO SWPM, 36-45. Sincerity and honesty a must. Reliable, established, ambitious, interested in LTR. **✆607135**

**ATTRACTIVE MOM. SBCF**, 31, 5'6", HPTW, down-to-earth, honest, hopeless romantic, seeking marriage-minded SCM, with SOH, HPTW, enjoys life, love, family, and wants to build forever. **✆819822**

**EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF**, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **✆686805**

**HARD-WORKING SF**, 37, 5'6", 180lbs, enjoys helping people, dining in/out, cooking, reading, television and more. Seeking kind-hearted, intelligent, humorous SWM, 40-45, for friendship first. **✆942992**

**SFH**, 32, ENJOYS dancing, movies, dining out, laughter, conversation and more. Seeking friendly, outgoing, intelligent Sd/WM, 35 to 40, for friendship, maybe more. **✆948391**

**ATTRACTIVE, CARING, PETITE** SWF, 33, 5'3", 125lbs, brown/brown, honest, friendly, easygoing. Seeking good-hearted man, 33-41, honest, loving, ready to start a family. **✆946926**

**PRINCESS DI LOOK-ALIKE**, classy, WPF, 40's, 5'7, slim, fun, well-educated, ISO tall, slim, 43-55, WPM, educated, handsome, playful, with varied interests. companionship first, more. **✆322203**

**SEPARATED BPF**, 27, petite, intelligent, from the West Indies, living in Alexandria, Aries, N/S, seeks S/DWM, 27-35. **✆937391**

**SWF**, 36, **FULL-FIGURED**, enjoys parks, walks on the beach, movies, seeks good-hearted SWM, 30-38, for spring romance, hopefully LTR. **✆940115**

**SF**, 35, N/S, loves travel, taking walks. Seeking down-to-earth, ambitious, handsome man, 33-42, 6'+. **✆985339**

**SBF**, 35, **WITH** beautiful light-brown eyes, seeks a man for lazy days at home, and just being in each other's company. **✆934824**

**LINGERING OVER COFFEE**, strolling Fourteenth Street, kayaking Georgetown, E-street movie, home-cooked vegetarian curry, laughing with friends. A great Saturday? SWF, 37, ISO SM, 32-45. **✆882826**

**HONEST, SINCERE, FULL-FIGURED** SBPF loves shopping, travel, reading, dancing, fun. Seeking gentlemanly SBPM, 27-40, preferably with no children. No games. **✆874525**

**TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK**, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **✆640310**

**SACF**, 31, **SCORPIO**, seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor, 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆448465**

**DBF**, 36, **PLUS-SIZED**, enjoys church, reading, traveling, bowling, quiet times. Seeks honest, caring BM, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆690178**

**SAFP**, 38, **SEEKS** honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. **✆895164**

**VERY PRETTY, INTELLIGENT** SBF, 28, 5'6", well-built. Seeking sincere, kind, caring, spiritual, happy SCM, 30-35, for stable relationship, possible marriage. **✆20670**

**SPF**, 30, **IS** interested in meeting a man, who enjoys watching movies, dancing, reading and more. **✆911640**

**SBF**, 29, 5'5", bachelor's degree, likes working out, music, talking, sitting by fire. Seeking SM, 26-45, similar interests, for fun times, more. **✆08942**

**STRONG, EDUCATED, SLIM**, healthy, beautiful black female seeks white or Hispanic male, 25-38, for long-term relationship. **✆905999**

**LOVING LIFE. SBF**, 31, light brown complexion, seeking SWM, 30-38, with a big heart, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆904312**

**SPF**, 5'9", **HPTW**, ISO professional male, 35-55, N/S, drama-free, ISO companionship, laughter, good times and more. **✆905221**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA. SWPF**, 32, N/S, genuine and sincere with a warm heart. Enjoys hiking, fishing, boating, theater, travel. Seeking SWPM, 27-37, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆903265**

**PREPARE TO CIRCLE** this one! Cute, fit SPBF, seeks the company of an attractive, energetic, sports-minded SPM, 27-37. Guaranteed fun times ahead! **✆905591**

**GOOD-HEARTED DBF**, 32, 5'3", N/S, one child, gentle, gem, genuinely generous, seeks prayerful, honest, trustworthy, reliable, stable family man for LTR. Race unimportant. **✆874267**

**SHY, LAID-BACK, HUMOROUS** SBF, 35, mother of one, enjoys shopping, quiet evenings home and more. Seeking honest, humorous, down-to-earth SBM, 27-47, for friendship, maybe more. **✆893447**

**FUN-LOVING SBCF**, 36, medium build, secure, ISO honest SBGM, 36-40, who appreciates a good woman, for friendship, dating and possible LTR. **✆890186**

**CHRISTIAN SBPF**, 33, gentle, sincere, music lover, entrepreneur, seeking Christian SBPM, who's prayerful, honest, kind, gentlemanly, handsome, adventuresome, N/Children, never married, 33-39, for dating/relationship/possible LTR. **✆890125**

**CUTE, ATHLETIC SMART** SPF, 25, seeks professional, handsome, financially secure male, 26-31, for friendship, then we'll see what develops. **✆871828**

**ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE SBCF**, 46, loves the Lord, enjoys movies, traveling, quiet times. Seeking sincere, honest SBM, with similar interests, enjoys conversation, good sense of humor. **✆871514**

**SLENDER, ATTRACTIVE SWF**, 29, long blonde hair, loves the arts, literature, history and more. Seeking well-educated, fit, non-smoking S/DWPM, 27-38, 5'8"+, for dating, possible LTR. **✆853755**

**EDUCATED, TRUSTWORTHY, ATTRACTIVE** SBPF, 30, 6', enjoys dining out, intelligent conversation more. Seeking highly educated, relationship-oriented SM, 30-40, 6'+, with no children for possible LTR. **✆852480**

**SPONTANEOUS, ENTHUSIASTIC, WITTY**, well-rounded, mature SBF, 22, 5'9", very attractive college grad, enjoys the gym, reading, travel. Seeking SBM, 25-32, 6'+, no children, college-educated, attractive, fit, well-mannered. **✆853960**

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**SWF**, 33, **ATTORNEY**, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog a+. **✆898933**

**SBF**, 31, 5'8", 145lbs seeking kind-hearted, honest, down-to-earth SWM, 40-55, for dating and possible LTR. **✆850317**

**OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF**, 37, seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. **✆512872**

**SEXY, SPONTANEOUS, ADVENTUROUS** SBF, 27, 5'3", light brown eyes, seeks open-minded SWM, 27-35, for relationship, possibly more. **✆839502**

**EDUCATED SWF**, 33, N/S, big green eyes, nice smile, seeks SWM, 27-35, N/S, for LTR. **✆224858**

**JOYFUL AND LOVING** SBCF, 39, N/S, N/D, who is an encourager, humorous, ISO faithful SCM, 36-47, N/S, who's ready for friendship leading to possible marriage. **✆815833**

**LOVELY BCFP, MID-30S**, 5'8", shapely, beautiful inside and out, classy, unpretentious, enjoys jazz, horseback riding, champagne, bubble baths, travel, romance. ISO tall, romantic BCPM, 34-48. **✆807503**

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**ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING BPF**, 35, seeks handsome, professional male, N/S, for LTR. **✆807562**

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**SM**, 27, **IN** search of a young woman for tennis, running, or swimming. Care to have fun? **✆985511**

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**RESPECTFUL, TRUSTWORTHY, CARING** SM, 20, fit, Nick Lachey look-alike. Looking for a SF, 18-25, doesn't play games, takes relationships seriously. **✆954709**

**SM**, 35, 5'10", employed, no kids. Seeking SF, 18-28, race open, practices Muslim religion, companionship first, possible marriage. **✆956306**

**SBM**, 38, 5'7", 230lbs, solid build, in food service industry, also works with cars, likes bowling. Seeking down-to-earth SF, 40-55, friends. **✆896666**

**SBM**, 27, 5'10", 210lbs, enjoys movies, dining in/out, laughter, conversation, romance and more. Seeking down-to-earth, childless, drama-free SB/WF, 24-32, for friendship, maybe more. **✆943005**

**MALE**, 21, 5'9", 160lbs, looking for a female, 18-30. If interested, give me a call. Children ok. **✆870289**

**HANDSOME SBM**, 32, 5'10", 173lbs, caramel complexion, ambitious, no children, well-educated, humorous. Seeking attractive, shapely, intelligent SF, 23-32, with great personality for companionship. **✆824057**

**SBM**, 22, 6', with a warm heart, wishes to meet a woman who wants to be held, cuddled and loved. **✆773510**

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**33-YEAR-OLD MALE, 6'1"**, 190lbs, brown complexion, seeking SF, 20-45, with a good sense of humor and an open mind, who enjoys travel. **✆876007**

**ATHLETIC BM, 6'1"**, looking for down-to-earth female, 20-47, who likes laughing, music, for true love. **✆688801**

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**ATTENTIVE, POLITE SWPM**, 38, N/Kids, seeks kind, sweet, assertive and marriage-minded SB/WF, older, 45-50, to adore. **✆963883**

**SBM**, 36, 6', 235lbs, father of one, enjoys working out, reading, movies and more. Seeking SBF, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆946892**

**AN OLDER WOMAN**, 40-55, wanted for dating, possible LTR. Fun, great-looking, built, younger SWM, 26. **✆725317**

**SWM**, 35, **LIKES** movies, dining, travel, ISO SA/HF, 25-45, with similar interests, for LTR. **✆963107**

**SWM**, 20, 5' 8", Sagittarius, smoker, seeks woman, 18-26, who likes kids, walks on the beach, and likes a person for who they are. **✆914314**

**MATURE, HONEST SWM**, 26, 5'11", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, no drugs, child-less, no games, seeks similar SWF, 25-32, for friendship first. Capitol Heights. **✆689138**

**SBM**, 29, 5'11", 165lbs, Jamaican, enjoys tennis, fishing, seeking SBM, 25-30, someone to have fun with, possible relationship. **✆890127**

**ROMANTIC, QUIET DHM**, 38, 6', 175lbs, N/S, artistic type, likes museums, movies, restaurants. Seeking caring, attractive SW/HF, 25-35, to snuggle into LTR. Single mom ok. **✆806656**

**SM**, **LIKES SPORTS**, jogging, movies. Seeking SF, 27-40, race open, for friendship, possibly more. **✆834335**

**LOOKS ARE UNIMPORTANT**. SBM, 37, looking for SBF, 37-42, for dating, and possible LTR. Prefer full-figured ladies. **✆828894**

**SM**, 38, 5'11", wants to meet a woman who shares his love of movies, jazz clubs, bowling, all outdoor fun, and romance. **✆825520**

**ATTRACTIVE SWM**, 33, 6'11", 165lbs, hazel/brown, nice smile. Enjoys movies, dancing, rockbuster nights, walks, comedy clubs. Seeking interracial dating with /SF, slim/medium build, 25-34, 5'3". **✆549095**

**SWPM**, 30, 6', easygoing, intelligent, honest, sense of humor, enjoys travel, fitness, comedy, movies. ISO nice, intelligent SF, 22-32, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆963007**

**SM**, 37, **ENJOYS** the finer things in life, learning new things, fine wine, politics, intelligent conversation, laughter and more. Seeking mature, honest, sophisticated SF, 50-62. **✆946884**

**MALE, 23, 5'10"**, average build, with a child (3), smoker, loves clubbing. Seeking woman, 18-27, for friendship, possible romance. **✆936580**

**COMPASSIONATE, SPIRITUAL SBM**, 39, 6'2", N/S, attractive, easygoing, sensitive, homebody, introverted, enjoys music, movies, fun times. Seeking SF, 18-48, no kids, any race, similar interests.



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**FAIRFAX CITY** — 1BR, patio, pool, nr bus/metro. \$925 + elec. No pets. 703-709-4149 or 703-359-0888

**FAIRFAX/FALLS CH**—4BR 3BA 2HBA, 2 car gar, nr 495/50/metro/restaurants/shoppng ctr/schl. \$2300. Saeed, RE: 703-862-7075

**FAIRFAX/NR GMU**—4BR 2½BA, \$1900. Sect. 8 ok. 301-292-7895

**FALLS CH/Baileys X Rds**—4BR, 3.5BA 3 lvl, lge brk TH, prkg. Excel neigh. No pets. \$1775. 703-931-0214

**FALLS CH**—Renov SFH, 3BR, 2FBA, EIK, fpl, hdwd flrs, w/wlk out bsmt, porch, det gar, fncd yd, w/ close in conv. loc. nr. Metro, 5 mins. DC & Pentgn. \$1695. Shad W: 703-893-9644; C:703 587-5141.

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**GAITH**—1BR \$850. Hdwd flrs. newly renov. Close to MARC & Metro. 301-977-8777

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**GEORGETOWN/1664-A Avon PI**—Newly renov, 2BR/1BA, HW flrs, granite kit, grdn. \$2400. 202-338-4011

**GEORGETOWN**—2BR, 1½BA, newly renov. Lge gar-den, deck, w/d, \$2250 Jerald 202-333-2453

GEORGETOWN

**2BR, 2BA w/prkg, w/d, balc, hdwds, pool, gym, small pets, \$2475. O/A. 202-387-0775**

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**KALORAMA- METRO**—Grand, big 3BR, 2BA, new eat in kit, fpl, cac, w/d, patio. \$2850 301-365-7886.

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**KENSINGTON-4402 Colchester Dr.**—Newly remod home inside & out, sunrm, kit/brkfst rm, liv rm, 2BR, 1BA, gar, \$1800. 301-674-2873

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**MCLEAN** \$845  
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**N. POT/Kentlands Area**—beaut 2BR, 2BA, fpl, balc, on nature preserve, \$1275/mo, 301-258-8919

**NE/116 44th St**—Renovated apts 1 block from subway. 1BR - \$640; 3BR - \$1240 incl most utls. Call 202-468-6283

**NE**—Hg gorg 1BR w/balc in super loc & great bldg! All utls incld. Roof deck, close to metro, shopping just super! \$1200.  
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**NW**—2/3/4BR homes avail. All newly restored with CAC, microwave, d/w, w/d. Call Nextgen Property Mgmt 202-347-3910

**NW**—2BR apts. quiet neighborhd. Sect 8 welcome. Reduced security deposit! 202-285-6102

**NW/Dttn**—Convention Center, Bright, spac new renov 1BR, \$995; Effcy. \$775. 202-289-4909

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**PALMER PK** — 3BR, 1BA hse, renov. Sec 8 ok. 240-375-1436

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1BR, Section 8 Welcome, gated propperty newly renovated. \$650. 202-297-3621

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# People

## DIVAS

### Ross Hears Strains Of the World's Tiniest Violin

**DIANA ROSS** shouldn't be required to serve time at the county jail in Tucson, Ariz., because staffing problems prevented her from serving a consecutive jail term in Connecticut, her lawyer says. Lawyer James Nesci has asked Tucson City Court Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw to rescind his order requiring Ross to serve time in Tucson. Nesci claims Ross was unable to serve her 24 hours consecutively because of staffing problems at the jail. (AP)



## DEEP THOUGHTS

### Celebrities Are Just Like Me!

**JULIA STILES** is fascinated by royalty. "It's not that I'm curious because I'm searching for some sort of dirt on them; it's that I'm curious because I just wonder if their lifestyle is so different than mine," the 23-year-old actress told the Boston Herald. "Like, do they wake up every morning and really have their newspapers ironed so that they don't get ink on their hands? What do they do every day? I think that it's sort of the same reason that people are interested in the lifestyles of movie stars." (AP)



ERIC CHARBONNEAU/AP

## STUNTS

### Armored Rat Race

**DENNIS QUAID**, right, and co-star **JASON PATRIC** encourage their entrants in an armadillo race at a pre-premiere party for the cast of "The Alamo" in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday. There was no word on the winner of the race. The film casts Quaid as Gen. Sam Houston, Patric as James Bowie and Billy Bob Thornton as an alarming Davy Crockett. (AP)



JOSEPH KACZMAREK/AP

Warning: Dramatization inevitable.

## DEALS

### A Made-For-Television Life

The parents of a 6-year-old girl who was raised by her alleged kidnapper and believed to have died in a fire have sold the rights to their life stories for a movie and book. The buyer is the Larry A. Thompson Organization of Beverly Hills, maker

## AWARDS

### Beauty: It's a Power Thing

Designer **TOM FORD**, the soon-to-be-former creative director at Gucci Group, was the second recipient of the Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Award on Sunday. He received a permanent plaque on the famed street inscribed with his own words: "Beauty is a powerful thing. It can add enormously to the quality of life."



## COMEBACKS

### Frodo Wood's Career Intact

For **ELIJAH WOOD**, making "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" was easier than the "Lord of The Rings" films. "You're not in one place for 16 months working on a giant epic in odd weather conditions, and big hobbit feet to apply every day," Wood told AP Radio. "My philosophy has always been to continually change gears and do different types of films and types of roles," he said. (AP)

Celebrities such as **KATE BECKINSALE**, right, and Tom Hanks paid tribute to Ford, who wants to direct. (AP)

"I'm feeling too beautiful. I think I'll wreck my hair."



ANN JOHANSSON/AP

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

### Today



Cloudy, cool; areas of drizzle  
**51°**

### Tonight



Cloudy with rain and drizzle; fog  
**44°**

### Wednesday



Cloudy with rain, drizzle and fog  
**54° / 42°**

### Thursday



Cloudy with periods of rain  
**54° / 40°**

### Friday



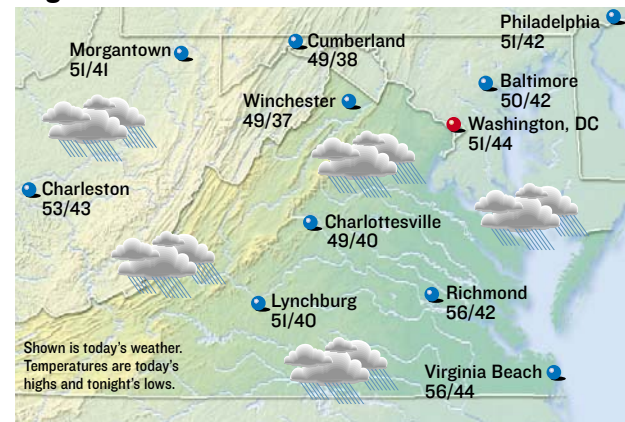
Mostly cloudy with showers  
**54° / 40°**

### Saturday



Variable clouds, a shower possible  
**60° / 42°**

## Regional Weather



## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Mon.

### Temperature

High ..... 53°  
Low ..... 43°  
Normal high ..... 60°  
Normal low ..... 41°  
Average humidity ..... 62%

### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. .... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 2.03"  
Normal month to date ..... 3.39"  
Year to date ..... 5.66"  
Last year to date ..... 13.12"  
Normal year to date ..... 9.34"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:  
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## Regional Forecast

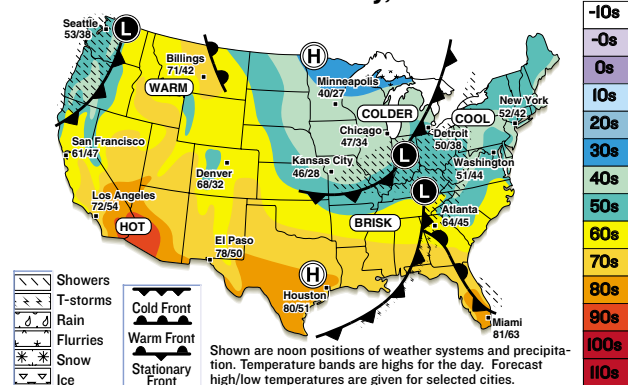
**D.C. Metro:** Today, cloudy, cool, drizzle. High 51. Wind east to southeast at 6-12 mph. Tonight, cloudy, drizzle, fog, rain. Low 44.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 5:56 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 12:18 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 3:00 a.m.



## National Weather for Tuesday, March 30



## National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	64/45/sh	64/44/pc
Boston	44/34/pc	44/36/r
Chicago	47/34/sh	42/32/sn
Dallas	75/45/s	69/45/pc
Denver	68/32/s	74/40/s
Honolulu	84/70/s	84/70/pc
Los Angeles	72/54/pc	68/54/pc
Miami	81/63/pc	82/65/pc
New York City	52/42/r	48/41/r
Orlando	82/58/pc	82/54/pc
Seattle	53/38/r	54/38/pc

## World Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	57/48/s	59/47/pc
Athens	56/45/c	61/47/s
Berlin	57/42/pc	60/43/s
Buenos Aires	86/72/pc	82/64/t
Calgary	75/34/pc	46/23/r
Dublin	56/45/pc	56/41/pc
Geneva	56/43/pc	59/44/r
Moscow	43/24/c	37/19/c
Rome	58/46/r	61/45/sh
Sydney	85/61/s	80/59/s
Tokyo	60/51/r	66/45/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

# Playback

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

MR. ROBERTS, who wrote about the difference between the war on terrorism and war in Iraq (Letters, March 23), must be incredibly naive to think that al Qaeda exists without the help of sponsoring states. Each country in the Middle East is closely linked with its neighbors and whatever occurs in one has a ripple effect through the region. Witness Libya's about-face following the liberation of Iraq and Hussein's capture.

It's hard for Democrats to admit to any success in the Bush doctrine and easier for them to swallow the self-serving recriminations of a passed-over functionary like former terrorism czar Richard Clarke. No wonder Clarke appeals to them; he speaks out of both sides of his mouth, much like their candidate, John Kerry.

—JOE SCHMIDT  
Charles Town, W. Va.



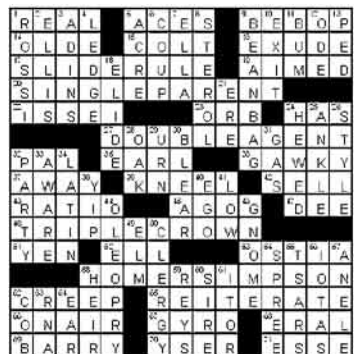
**SPEAK UP:** Got a story to tell? We want to hear it. Express is accepting guest column submissions from readers.

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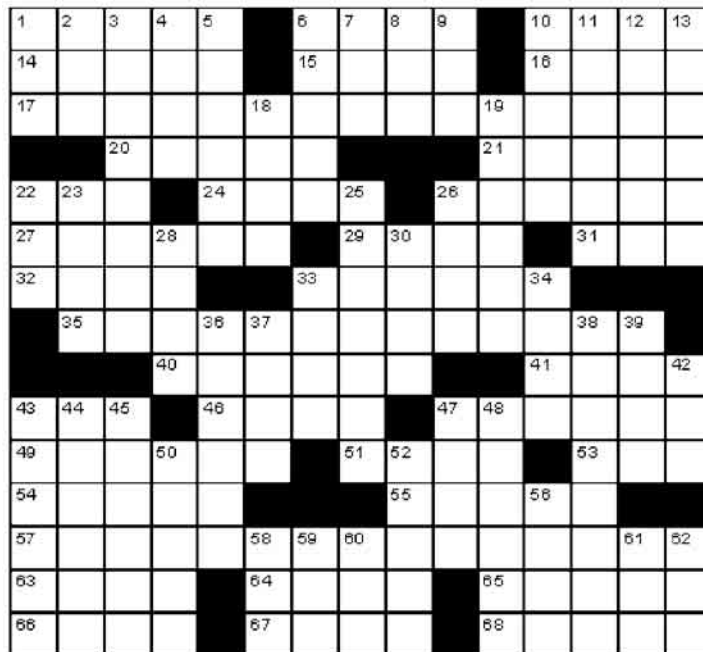
### Yesterday's Solution



### Crossword Puzzle: Cheer Me Up! | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

#### ACROSS

- 1 Rhea's role on "Cheers"
- 6 Consign to oblivion
- 10 College mil. offering
- 14 Opera songs
- 15 New Yorker cartoonist Peter
- 16 Hydro look-alike
- 17 SIS
- 20 Like some eyes
- 21 By oneself
- 22 Goof
- 24 Pepper grinder
- 26 Actor James or Josh
- 27 Nickname for a Navy dock-builder
- 29 Highly excited
- 31 Superlative suffix
- 32 Vena \_\_\_\_ (vessel to the heart)
- 33 "8 Mile" star
- 35 BOOM
- 40 Turn aside
- 41 Spades, e.g.
- 43 Kind of reaction
- 46 Comfort
- 47 Production of tube ads, slangily
- 49 About 907 kilograms
- 51 Cry out sharply
- 53 Sound of a flat
- 54 \_\_\_\_ God (natural catastrophe)



#### DOWN

- 55 Saw parts
- 57 BAH
- 63 Mixed bag
- 64 Muffin topper
- 65 Bert's "Sesame Street" pal
- 66 Young miss
- 67 Toucan's pride
- 68 Heavy-weight plans?
- 6 Actress Hannah
- 7 Surgery sites, briefly
- 8 Carry-\_\_\_\_ (some luggage)
- 9 Miss Piggy's word
- 10 Rich boy in "Nancy"
- 11 Baltimore bird
- 12 Graf's game
- 13 Clear and convincing
- 18 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 19 Scows
- 22 Computer key
- 23 Genuine
- 25 Eellike fish
- 26 U2's lead singer
- 28 Modem's transmission rate
- 30 Coating of gold
- 33 Former partners
- 34 Japanese bean paste
- 36 Become extinct
- 37 Fashion's Picone
- 38 Upstaged
- 39 Insect eggs
- 42 Many are connected by cable
- 43 Desert the military
- 44 The \_\_\_\_ (7-Up)
- 45 Hot 1990s computer game
- 47 On \_\_\_\_ (without a contract)
- 48 Looked hard
- 50 Fusses
- 52 Comforting words to a child
- 56 Actress Spelling
- 58 Purloin
- 59 Cheer to one being charged
- 60 "Give \_\_\_\_ break!"
- 61 "Scoot critter!"
- 62 Wide shoe sizes

### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



### Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Give someone a little more leeway and you'll be thanked for doing just the right thing at the right time. Then concentrate on yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — It may be difficult for you to keep yourself in shape throughout the day, but it's very important for you to be ready for anything.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — The sooner you start on a new project, the sooner you'll realize that you know precisely what you're doing. You need that kind of confidence.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You may find yourself waiting for something that is actually vague and uncertain. Still, you know that patience will pay off.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Something new is happening to you. Don't want to underestimate its power. You can impress others with your tenacity.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Your desires may be running away with you. Employ self-control, or you may find that a personal relationship is threatened.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You want to run away from a developing situation, but it's important to turn and face it as directly as possible. Trust a friend's advice.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You may actually be frightened of impulses that are exerting unusual pressure on you. You needn't do what you don't want to do.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You can get an early start and leave yourself more time for personal affairs later. You needn't sacrifice everything for financial gain.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Give yourself every opportunity to do something that others have only half-done. You have the chance to make a name for yourself.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Though you want to involve yourself in someone else's project, you know better than to intrude when all signs say it's best to hang back.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Something you observe by accident will have you making a surprising decision come nightfall. You may be on a new road very soon.

### LIVE ONLINE

## Word Watcher

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Washington Post National Copy Desk Chief **BILL WALSH** was online Monday to discuss his new book, "The Elephants of Style: A Trunkload of Tips on the Big Issues and Gray Areas of Contemporary American English."

### Please give us a quick explanation of the correct use of the phrase "begging the question."

People use "beg the question" to mean "raise the question." It's a distinction worth enforcing. To beg the question is to commit the logical fallacy of assuming the truth of what you're trying to prove: "God exists because he is all-powerful."

### Regarding "hacker" vs. "cracker": I can't remember the last time I saw "hacker" used correctly. Is it time to just say that "hacker" has absorbed the definition of "cracker?"

Yes, I think "hacker" is the real-people word for what the geeks call "crackers." (The geeks tell us that "hacker" implies skill, not nefarious intent, and that "cracker" is the word for people who break into systems to inflict harm.) Just spare me the really ignorant usage in which anybody who knows how to use a computer is "a real hacker."

### What are the proper uses of "disc" and "disk?"

It's a confusing point. I have to look it up most of the time. The biggest area of controversy regards computer storage, and the New York Times stylebook offers a great guideline: magnetic storage is on disks, but laser-read optical storage is on discs. So CDs are compact discs, but floppies are disks.

### Can the people around you tolerate the pressure of sending you e-mails?

Some people apologize in advance. Personally, I think correcting errors in personal correspondence is beyond rude. Unless, of course, it's hate mail.

### Today on Live Online

**NOON:** Live from Grenada, Kim O'Donnel shares cooking tips.

**2 P.M.:** Melissa Johnson, director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, answers questions about fitness.

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